IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 19-B This Document Relates to All Actions

Second Amended Scheduling Order Governing First Water Provider Bellwether Trial

This CMO 19-B further amends the schedule set forth in CMOs 19 and 19-A for the Water Provider Bellwether Trial Pool cases. Specifically, this CMO 19-B allows additional time for expert disclosures. The resulting schedule is as follows:

- 1. Expert disclosures: Plaintiff shall submit its expert disclosures by March 18, 2022. Defendants shall submit their expert disclosures by April 29, 2022. Rebuttal expert reports shall be submitted by May 13, 2022.
- 2. Expert discovery: The parties shall complete expert depositions by June 30, 2022.
- 3. <u>Summary judgment and *Daubert* motions</u>: The parties shall file motions for summary judgment and *Daubert* motions by July 18, 2022. Response in opposition briefs shall be filed by August 15, 2022. Replies in support briefs shall be filed by August 30, 2022.
- 4. Recommendation of first bellwether case for trial: The parties shall file their recommendation, with supporting memoranda, of the first bellwether case for trial by September 15, 2022.
- 5. <u>Designation of first bellwether case for trial</u>: The Court will designate the first bellwether case for trial by September 30, 2022.
- 6. <u>Pretrial motions</u>: The parties shall file pretrial motions and motions *in limine* by October 14, 2022. Response in opposition briefs shall be filed by October 21, 2022.
- 7. Pretrial disclosures: The parties shall file and exchange Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) pretrial disclosures twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of jury selection. Within fourteen (14) days thereafter, a party shall file and exchange Rule 26(a)(3) objections, any objections of a deposition designation by another party, and any deposition counter-designations, pursuant to Rule 32(a)(4).
- 8. <u>Pretrial briefs</u>: The parties shall furnish the Court with and serve their pretrial briefs ten (10) business days prior to the date of jury selection (Local Civil Rule 26.05). At

- least five (5) business days prior to this deadline to submit pretrial briefs, counsel shall meet to exchange and mark all exhibits (Local Civil Rule 26.07).
- 9. <u>Trial</u>: This case is subject to being called for jury selection and/or trial on or after January 1, 2023.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Richard Mark GergelRichard Mark GergelUnited States District Judge

March 22, 2022 Charleston, South Carolina